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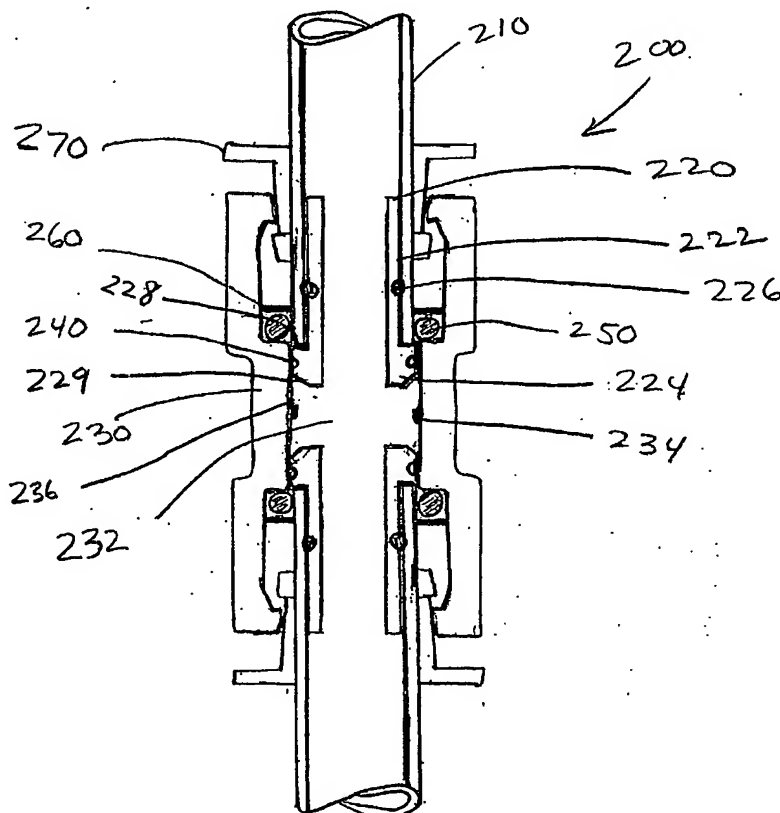
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(57) Abstract: The inventive subject matter is directed toward a tube coupling that has a tube insert which is integrally housed within a coupling body. In some embodiments, integral housing is accomplished using a retaining disc set in the body of the coupling. The retaining disc prevents outward movement of the insert yet allows inward passage of the insert.

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